

TELEPHONE CONTACT REPORT

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Abbreviated notes from a follow-up call to a call made to Joe Shinn on 4/7/99

Value of "p" depends more on motion of the soil particles. Particle size greater than 20 micrometers is a significant fraction, which doesn't go far. Particle size less than 15 micrometers is the more mobile fraction. The value is usually about 0.7. Not sure why. Usually we say that the soil concentration varies exponentially with depth. It really drops off fast (the activity). The upper 2.5 cm of soil is thought to be well stirred. The micro-topography of soil varies. I prefer to use the average of the top 2.5 cm for the surface soil concentration.

It never makes sense to look at soil classes (i.e., silt, clay, sand) because the plutonium isn't fixed to primary particles, it is fixed to aggregates.



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